

# CONFUSED ABOUT WATER RESTRICTIONS?

The Cherokee County Water/Sewer Authority (CCWSA) has been allowed to reduce their water restrictions to a Level IVc because they have shown the State that they have enough water in reserve to avoid a local shortage. However, Cobb Marietta Water Authority has not been able to do the same. Unfortunately, for the City of Woodstock water customers, we purchase water from both entities and therefore the State of Georgia would not allow the City to reduce our restrictions.

What that means to you is if you are a City of Woodstock water customer, you must comply with the restrictions set forth for Cobb Marietta Water Authority which is currently a Level IV with exemptions for the filling of pools and some limited landscape watering. Restrictions are as follows:

## CITY OF WOODSTOCK WATER CUSTOMERS

**The following is allowed under Level IV Drought Restrictions:**

**Established landscapes** can be hand-watered by any person\*\*

- For 25 minutes between 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. (\*hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off automatically when it is released).  
Watering is restricted to the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
- Even-numbered addresses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

**Newly installed landscapes** may be watered

- *By any person who has registered with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program – must receive new certificate after first 10 weeks expires.*
- Watering is allowed for 30 days during a period of 10 weeks
- Watering is restricted to the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.
- 3 days/week for 10 consecutive weeks on an odd/even schedule
- Odd-numbered addresses: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays
- Even-numbered addresses: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- *During installation, new landscapes may be watered in at any time of the day*
- *Installed irrigation systems may be used to water only new landscape installation area.*

**Outdoor Water Use Registration Program is available:**

- At your county extension service office (1-800-ASK-UGA1) – **PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR AN APPOINTMENT.** There is no fee for the program if taken at extension service office.
- Online at **[www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com)** - \$ 4.95 convenience fee charge
- Each landscape company needs to register for this program (may copy certificate for use at multiple addresses).
- Each landscape company's clients (homeowner/property owner or manager) must also complete this program for each property they own or manage.

Per EPD rules, aeration/seeding/overseeding is "New Landscape Installation". Chemical applications can also be watered in upon treatment - please make sure sign is posted on property with date/time of chemical application.

### **Other Exemptions (O.C.G.A. 391-3-30-05)**

This rule shall not apply to the following outdoor water uses:

- (a) Capture and re-use of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances
- (b) Re-use of gray water in compliance with applicable local ordinances

The following established landscape water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule.

- (a) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
- (b) Irrigation of personal food gardens.

Newly (in place less than thirty days) installed landscapes are subject to the following:

- (a) Irrigation of newly installed landscapes is allowed any day of the week, but only during allowed hours for the drought response level in effect, for a period of 30 days following installation. No watering is allowed during Drought Response Level Four.
- (b) For new landscapes installed by certified or licensed professionals, commercial exemptions apply.

The following golf course outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule.

- (a) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
- (b) Irrigation of fairways during times of non-drought and Declared Drought Response Level One.
- (c) Irrigation of tees during times of non-drought and Declared Drought Response Levels One, Two and Three.
- (d) Irrigation of greens.

The following commercial outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule.

- (a) Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors, and sports turf landscapers: during installation and 30 days following installation only. Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply.
- (b) Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only.
- (c) Sod producers.
- (d) Ornamental growers.
- (e) Fruit and vegetable growers.
- (f) Retail garden centers.
- (g) Hydro-seeding.
- (h) Power-washing.
- (i) Construction sites.

- (j) Producers of food and fiber.
- (k) Car washes.
- (l) Other activities essential to daily business.
- (m) Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf.

**The following uses are PROHIBITED under Drought Level 4:**

- Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.
- Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety.
- Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, golf carts.
- Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
- Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes.
- Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.

For complete Rules, Regulations and Exemptions please go to the website, [www.gaepd.org](http://www.gaepd.org), click on “Outdoor Water Use Schedule” and then click on “Rules for Outdoor Water Use”.

| FINES FOR VIOLATIONS BY WOODSTOCK WATER CUSTOMERS ENFORCED BY CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GA.   |                             |
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| First offense. . . . .   | \$100.00 <del>Warning</del> |
| Second offense. . . . .  | \$500.00                    |
| Third offense. . . . . Mandatory court appearance and up to \$1000.00 fine. May also include loss of service, which will result in additional service fees for reconnection or reinstallation. |                             |

## CHEROKEE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER WATER CUSTOMERS

If you are a CCWSA water customer you fall under the Level IVc category. Restrictions are as follows:

The State of Georgia has approved Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority for Level IVc water use modification within our service area through December 31, 2008. Under Level IVc, all outdoor water uses are allowed on an odd/even basis, three days per week between midnight and 10:00 A.M. Odd addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; even addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. You may also pressure wash and wash cars.

**CCWSA and City of Woodstock will enforce restrictions for their own water customers *separately*.**